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As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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| My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name. I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING IN A POINT-TO-MULTIPOINT DSL NETWORK, the specification of which: is attached hereto. was filed on as Application Serial No was filed on under U.S. Express Mail No is set forth in PCT International Application No; filed on and as amended Under PCT Article 19 on (if any). |
| I/we hereby state that I/we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. |
| I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56. |
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| U.S. Provisional Patent Application Ser. No. 60/093,540; Filed: July 21, 1998 |
| I/we hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States patent application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: NOT APPLICABLE. |
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